Of the Church—By the Church—For the Church

Luther League Review

Vol XI. September, 1898. No. 3.

Convention Particulars

By George D. Boschen

CHAIRMAN OF WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

Luther League

OF AMERICA

THIRD NATIONAL CONVENTION

NEW YORK CITY, OCTOBER 18, 19, 20, 1898

THE Third Convention of the Luther League of America will be held in New York City, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 18th, 19th, 20th, 1898, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 45 West 21st Street, near 6th Avenue. Any society, of whatever name, connected with a Lutheran congregation or Lutheran institution of learning is entitled to one delegate, each district association to three delegates, and each state or territorial organization to ten delegates.

This call urges all Lutheran societies, of whatever name, and however synodically related, to send their full quota of delegates to this third convention. It is only through united effort, and the determination of each League to contribute its share, that the convention will be a full success.

M. C. OLSON, Gen'l Sec'y,
260 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill.

E. F. EILERT, President.

WITH the official call for the third convention of the Luther League of America before us (as printed above) the Ways and Means Committee of the Luther League of New York City, with the co-operation of the National Executive Committee, desire to present partial information as to the preparations

and details for the meetings. In might be well to mention in this connection that the New York State Luther League will hold its convention immediately previous to the National's meetings on Monday evening and Tuesday morning, October 17 and 18. The place of meeting is to be St. James' Church, Madison avenue and Seventy-third street, of which Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., is pastor. The sessions of the State League will be devoted strictly to business, as the addresses at the meetings of the National will be relied on for education and edification. As far as possible the standing committees of the National League will meet Tuesday morning, at Holy Trinity Church, 43-47 West Twenty-first street, near Sixth avenue. All the business sessions of the convention are to be held in this church, of which Rev. C. Armand Miller is pastor, and whose able address on "The Finger of God in the Reformation" the delegates who attended the Pittsburgh Convention will, no doubt, remember.

Programme

The programme of the convention, as thus far outlined by the Executive Committee, and which may be altered, is as follows:

Tuesday, October 18.—10 a.m., general assembly of delegates for registration, assignment, &c. 2 p.m., opening session. Reports of officers and State Leagues. Topic for presentation and discussion, "Education." 7.30 p.m., services with welcoming addresses, followed by a social hour.

Wednesday, October 19.—9 a.m., business session. Miscellaneous business and discussion on "Literature of the League." 11.30, roll call. 2 p.m., topic for presentation and discussion, "Deaconess Work." 7.30 p.m., four simultaneous meetings, three in New York and one in Brooklyn—viz., in St. John's Church, Rev. J. J. Young, D.D., pastor; St. Paul's Church (Harlem), Rev. John A. W. Haas, pastor; Gustavus Adolphus' Swedish Church, Rev. M. Stolpe, pastor, and St. Peter's Church of Brooklyn, Rev. J. J. Heischmann, D.D., pastor.

Thursday, October 20.—9 a.m., business session. Election of officers. 2 p.m., topic for presentation and discussion, "Missions." 7.30 p.m., final session, Carnegie Hall.

It is hoped that the completed programme, with names of speakers, can be presented in the next number.

The watchword of the convention will be "Labor" or "Work," carrying out the third of the three "L's"—"Loyalty," "Literature" and "Labor," the first having been the watchword at the Pittsburgh Convention and the second at Chicago. The three topics selected for discussion at this convention—viz., "Education," "Deaconess Work" and "Missions"—will, no doubt, carry out the third of the three "L's" with as great success as the previous two.

Hotels

Convenient to the church where the business sessions will be held are a number of first-class hotels. The distance from the church is given in the list below, together with the rates.

Within ten minutes' walk of the church:

Everett House, Fourth avenue and Seventeenth street; European plan; $1 per day.
Belvidere House, Fourth avenue and Eighteenth street; European plan; $1 per day.
Continental Hotel, Broadway and Twentieth street; European plan; $1 per day.
Bartholdi Hotel, Broadway and Twenty-third street; European plan; $1 per day.

Within 15 minutes' walk of the church:

Union Square Hotel, Fourth avenue and Fifteenth street; European plan.
Sturtevant House, Broadway and Twenty-ninth street; European plan; $1 per day.
Morton House, Broadway and Fourteenth street; European plan; $1 per day.
Hotel Albert, Eleventh street and University place; European plan.
St. Denis Hotel, Broadway and Eleventh street; European plan; $1 per day.

Within 15 minutes' ride of the church:

St. Cloud Hotel, Broadway and Forty-second street; European plan; $1 per day.
Hotel Cadillac, Broadway and Forty-third street; European plan; $1.50 per day.
Grand Union Hotel, Fourth avenue and Forty-second street; European plan; $1 per day.

These hotels are strictly first class in every respect, and the rates named for rooms are, in each case, the lowest charged by the hotels. Of course the rates quoted are for rooms only, and the meals would be extra. With the restaurants attached to the hotels and the excellent dining rooms in the vicinity of the church, a list of which will be furnished at the church, the meals should not cost over 75 cents per day. If, however, delegates desire to avail themselves of the American plan, the following hotels will be found convenient:

Miller's Hotel, 37-41 West Twenty-sixth street; $2 50 per day.
Westminster Hotel, Irving place and Sixteenth street; $3 50 per day.
Marlboro Hotel, Broadway and Thirty-sixth street; $3 50 per day.
Park Avenue Hotel, Park avenue and Thirty-third street; $3.50 per day.
Murray Hill Hotel, Park avenue, Fortieth to Forty-first street; $4 per day.

The committee in selecting and designating these various hotels have had in mind the convenience in reaching them from the railroads and their proximity to the places of meeting.

Railroad Depots

The principal railroad depots and their locations are as follows:

The Pennsylvania Railroad trains arrive at Jersey City ; from there passengers take the ferry (without extra fare) to Twenty-third street, New York City ; from Twenty-third street take the Twenty-third street crosstown car to Sixth avenue, and walk two blocks south to the church.

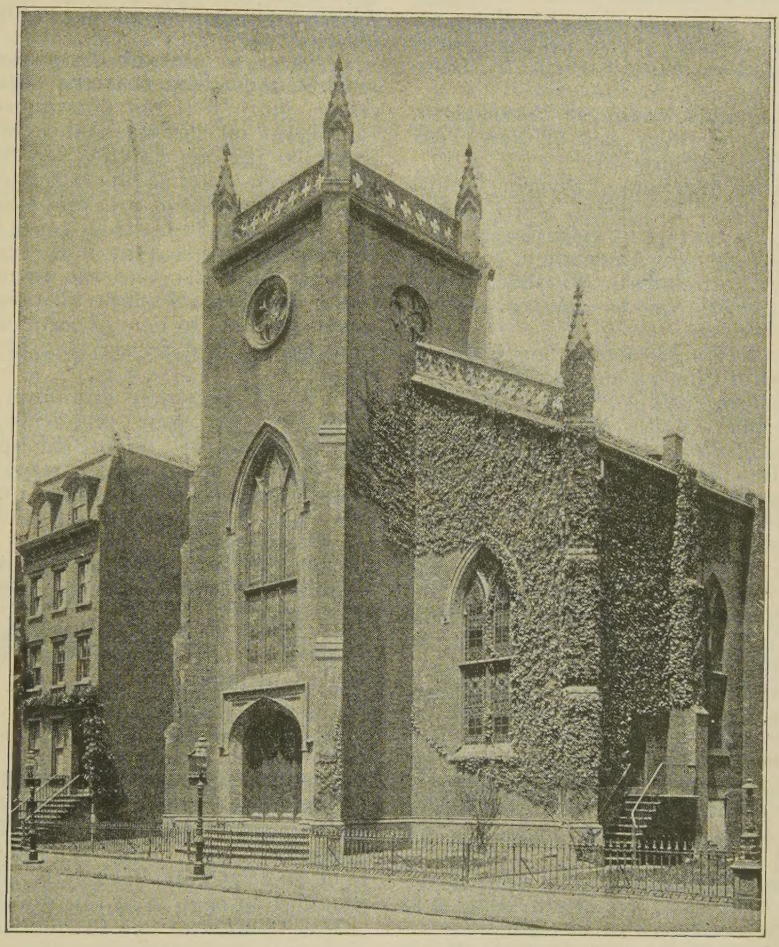
The Erie Railroad arrives in Jersey City and also has ferry to Twenty-third street ; then take same car as above.

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad arrives in Jersey City ; ferry to Liberty street, New York ; walk three blocks to the Sixth avenue elevated ; take train to Twenty-third street ; then walk two blocks south to church.

West Shore Railroad and Ontario & Western Railroad and their connections arrive in Jersey City and ferry to Forty-second street, New York ; take green Boulevard car to Twenty-third street and Broadway ; then two blocks south to church.

The New York Central & Hudson River Railroad and its Western connections arrive at Forty-second street and Fourth avenue ; take Fourth avenue electric cars south to Twenty-first street ; then walk two blocks east to the church.

It will not be possible to have committees in attendance at these railroad depots,



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, 45 WEST TWENTY-FIRST STREET, NEW YORK
Where Business Sessions of Convention will be Held

but if delegates and visitors will follow the above directions they will have no difficulty in reaching the church, where full information regarding other details will gladly be furnished.

Railroad Rates

The following passenger associations have granted a reduction of fare and one-third, on the certificate plan, for those attending the meeting of the Luther League of America, New York City, N. Y., October 18-20 :

New England Passenger Association, covering the territory east of New York State and Lake Champlain.

Trunk Line Association, covering points east of Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Parkersburg, W. Va., excepting New England.

Central Passenger Association, covering points west of Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Parkersburg, W. Va., to Chicago and St. Louis.

Western Passenger Association, covering points west of Chicago and St. Louis.

Southeastern Passenger Association, covering territory south of the Ohio and Potomac and east of the Mississippi River.

The following directions are submitted for your guidance :

1. Tickets at full fare for the going journey may be secured within three days (exclusive of Sunday) prior to and during the first two days of the meeting. The advertised dates of the meeting are from October 18 to 20 ; consequently you can obtain your ticket not earlier than October 14, nor later than October 19. Those coming from distant points, from which the authorized limit is greater than three days, will be accorded the limits shown in regular tariffs. Be sure that when purchasing your going ticket you request a certificate. *Do not make the mistake of asking for a receipt.*

2. Present yourself at the railroad station for ticket and certificate at least 30 minutes before departure of train.

3. Certificates are not kept at all stations. If you inquire at your station you will find out whether certificates and through tickets can be obtained to place of meeting ; if not, agent will inform you at what station they can be obtained. You can purchase a local ticket hence, and there take up a certificate and through ticket.

4. On your arrival at the meeting present your certificate to Mr. J. F. Dinkey, chairman of Transportation Committee.

5. It has been arranged that the special agent of the Trunk Line Association will be in attendance to validate certificates on October 19. You are advised of this, because if you arrive at the meeting and leave for home again prior to the special agent's arrival you cannot have the benefit of the reduction on the home journey. Similarly, if you arrive at the meeting later than October 19, after the special agent has left, you cannot have your certificate validated for the reduction returning.

6. So as to prevent disappointment it must be understood that the reduction on return journey is not guaranteed, but is contingent on the attendance of not less than 100 persons holding certificates obtained from ticket agents at starting points showing payment of full first-class fare of not less than 75 cents on going journey ; provided, however, that if the certificates presented fall short of the required minimum, and it shall appear that round trip tickets are held in lieu of certificates, they shall be reckoned in arriving at the minimum.

7. If the necessary minimum is in attendance, and your certificate is duly validated, you will be entitled up to October 24 to a continuous passage ticket to your destination by the route over which you make the going journey, at one-third the limited fare.

8. Certificates will not be honored by conductors ; they must be presented to ticket agents.

Signed, J. F. Dinkey, Chairman; H. L Hungerford S. B. Barnitz, D.D , Committee on Transportation.

Credentials

In order that the roll call at the Wednesday morning session may be a complete one, every delegate is urged to forward without delay his or her credentials to the chairman of the National Credential Committee—viz., John H. Boschen, Jr., P. O. Box 876, New York City. Blanks are provided on page 31 of this number.

The Committee on Credentials for the National Convention, consisting of one member from each State League in active membership, is as follows :

John H. Boschen, Jr., New York City.
Rev. F. F. Fry, Bethlehem, Pa.
Rev. L. J. Smith, Roseville, Ohio.
Rev. W. J. Finck, Anderson, Ind.
K. T. Anderson, Rock Island, Ill.
Louis Van Gilluwe, Asbury Park, N. J.
Miss Anna Lesher, Abiline, Kan.
Mrs. T. H. Dahl, Stoughton, Wis.
L. M. Swink, Winston, N. C.
Rev. L. J Motschmann, Beatrice, Neb.
Rev. O. G. U. Siljan, Northwood, Iowa.
O. A. Anderson, Vermillion, S. Dak.

Please send in your credentials at once.

The Luther League

Its Origin, Development, Progress

IN the year 1890 the Luther League of New York City, then known as the Central Association of Young Men's Lutheran Associations of the City of New York, undertook the work of organizing the Lutheran young people of New York and other States on a plan similar to the one in vogue a little over a year in New York City—viz., the formation of Central or District Associations in cities, counties or a given territory for the purpose of eventually organizing our young people in State bodies and a National Union.

The Committee on Extension of Work appointed to take charge of this work, and of which the present President of the National Luther League was the chairman, at that time issued a pamphlet setting forth the Origin, Development and Progress of the movement from its inception. The following with a few corrections (bringing it up to date) is a reprint of the pamphlet:

THE ORIGIN

The First Steps Toward Organizing Lutheran Young People

In April, 1887, the members of the Junger Maenner Verein of St. Peter's German Evangelical Lutheran Church of New York City passed a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee to enter into negotiations with oth r societies of Lutheran Churches in that city, for the purpose of presenting to them the idea of forming an organization by which the various Lutheran Young People's Societies of New York City could be brought together and work harmoniously for the upbuilding of the Lutheran Church.

In order to avoid the possibility of giving the movement a synodical appearance, the following clause was inserted in the resolution:

"*Resolved*, That such committee when appointed shall first visit a society connected with a church of different synodical connection than St. Peter's."

The task before the committee was a rather difficult one. They had heard of other Lutheran churches and pastors, but had never known any of the young people, and consequently knew very little of the societies connected with these churches.

The opportunity thus presented, however, caused them to make inquiries; although, during the previous 12 years of their existence, the association never had occasion to seek any information regarding their Lutheran brethren of that city.

The committee first corresponded and later visited the Young Men's Association of St. John's Church, and were heartily welcomed.

They presented their plan and asked for co-operation.

The idea seemed a good one. In New York City there were 21 Lutheran churches, and if an association could be found in each church, and all organized in a general body, what an amount of good could be done.

The young men of the St. John's heartily indorsed the plan, and appointed a committee to unite with the committee of St. Peter's for visiting other societies of Lutheran Churches wherever they could be found.

St. Luke's Association was next visited, and agreed to aid in the good work.

Finally, after many months spent in visiting, a meeting was held at St. John's Church, when the following associations were represented:

St. Peter's Junger Maenner Verein of St. Peter's German Evangelical Lutheran Church, 474 Lexington avenue, Rev. E. F. Moldehnke, D.D., pastor.

St. John's Social Union of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 81 Christopher street, Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D.D., pastor.

St. Luke's Musical and Literary Union of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 233 West Fourty-second street, Rev. W. Busse, pastor.

St. James' Young People's Association of St. James' Evangelical Lutheran Church, St. George's Memorial Chapel, Sixteenth street, near Third avenue, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., pastor.

Epiphany Young Men's Association of Epiphany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 72 East 128th street, Rev. F. F. Buermeyer, pastor.

St. Mark's Junger Maenner Verein of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 323 East Sixth street, Rev. G. C. F. Haas, pastor.

This meeting was held in February, 1888, and resulted in the decision to recommend to the different societies the formation of a Central Association of Young Men's Lutheran Associations of the City of New York, and that a meeting be held in April to which all Young Men's and Young People's Societies of Lutheran Churches should be invited.

The organization of a Central Association took place on April 19, 1888, when delegates representing the six associations mentioned were present. Officers were elected and a committee appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws, the same to be presented and accepted by each society before adoption by the Central Association.

Aims and Objects of a Central Association

The aims and objects of the association were fully expressed in the Constitution adopted and are as follows:

The objects of this association shall be:

First—To centralize the endeavors of the various Young People's Lutheran Associations of the City of New York for the purpose of strengthening and furthering the growth of the Lutheran Church; *Second*—The intellectual improvement of its members; and, *Third*—The promotion of a spirit of friendly intercourse among them.

While each society connected with a church, whether it be a Young Men's, Young People's or an association of any other name, has a great deal of work to do, in its own particular sphere, it has become evident to the pastors, and those who have taken the greatest interest in the welfare of these societies, that the prosecution of the work requires a large amount of patient labor and self-sacrifice.

While nearly all the members are energetic at the beginning, after awhile the enthusiasm dies out and interest lags, and then it is that the up-hill work begins. In view of this, and in order to enlarge their field of usefulness, the various societies alluded to formed the Central Association, for the purpose of centralizing the endeavors of the various organizations, and in order to strengthen, aid, advise and encourage one another in the prosecution of their work.

It was also deemed advantageous in establishing the Central Association not to lose sight of the social, moral and spiritual development of the members, and for this purpose the semi-annual conventions were agreed upon, where papers are read and discussions held on topics that will enlighten the individuals regarding their duties.

These semi-annual gatherings were also designed to bring the various societies and members together and thereby promote sociability and brotherly love among the Lutherans of the locality.

DEVELOPMENT

Planning to Organize Central Associations Throughout the Country

Of all the developments that mark the progress of Christianity during the latter half of the nineteenth century, perhaps none are so prominent and universal as the efforts put forth by the churches of all denominations to enlist the young people of their respective communities in the cause of Christ. All careful observers will admit that such efforts are of the most vital importance to the successful evangelization of the world, because the young men and young women of every nation have in their keeping the destiny of that nation, and the result will be either for or against the Kingdom of Christ, just in the proportion in which the churches have recognized and utilized these mighty forces for the work of that Kingdom, or else have been recreant in their trust and have allowed the spiritual life to become dormant. "Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he reap," is no truer of individuals than of churches.

That these facts are accepted as of supreme importance is attested by the establishment of National Associations for young people by many denominations. The Methodists have their Epworth League, the Episcopalians the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, and the Roman Catholics a very strong national organization, while the Society of Christian Endeavor and Young Men's Christian Associations, although undenominational in character, are wielding an influence that has been felt the world over.

The Lutheran Church, however, has exceptional opportunities for reaching and keeping her young people loyal to the Kingdom of the Saviour. Her Sunday school system, supplemented by a six months' course of catechetical instruction, and culminating in confirmation, gives her, when faithfully carried out, an immense advantage over other denominations. Unfortunately she has never made the fullest use of her opportunities, owing partly to mistaken zeal and conflicting languages, but mostly to neglect and indifference. Realizing these opportunities, though deploring the advantages that had already been lost, and encouraged by the successful work of a Central Association of Lutheran Young People in New York City, the recommendation was made at a meeting of delegates of the Central Association, held in November, 1889, that a Committee on Extension of Work be appointed, whose duty it should be to recommend the establishment of Central or District Associations, State organizations, and eventually a National Association to all Lutheran Young People's Associations in the United States.

The Committee on Extension of Work

The work of this committee was fully explained in the resolutions calling for its appointment and adopted by the delegates. They were as follows:

First.—To ascertain through correspondence with the Lutheran pastors in New York State, how many Young Men's or Young People's Associations are in existence, and after explaining the object of a Central Association to the several pastors and members of these associations, they suggest that a similar central body be formed wherever it is found that a sufficient number of associations exist in a certain district or county, as may be decided.

Second.—That where a pastor reports no association in existence, a further correspondence be instituted, and aid given by furnishing model constitutions and other data to form a Young People's Association in that congregation.

Third.—That by the formation of new associations in time the State will be sufficiently canvassed to form Central Associations in each county, and then steps can be taken toward forming a State body.

Fourth.—That this committee correspond with Lutheran pastors and Young People's Associations in one of the largest cities of each State and Territory, and recommend to them the formation of a Central Association in their respective cities. Also to suggest that these bodies carry on the work in their individual States similarly to the Central Association of the City of New York, as recommended above.

Fifth.—That by a formation of State or-

ganizations, if God will, ere many years a National Association of Lutheran Young People's Associations may be formed.

PROGRESS

Other Central Associations Formed

One of the greatest evils the Lutheran Church has to contend with is the proselyting of its young people by other denominations. It has been said that the best material for church workers was to be found among the young Lutherans, and consequently they are much sought after.

As the Lutheran Church has offered little inducement and encouragement for the usefulness of the younger element, it is not surprising that so many are taken away from her year after year and become active in churches of other denominations and among societies connected therewith. The plan of forming Central Associations of the Young People's Societies existing in certain localities, and urging these central bodies to see to it that a Young People's Society is to be found in every Lutheran congregation in that locality or district, is one of the remedies that has been offered to overcome this great evil.

The first Central Association to be organized in New York State outside of New York City was the one formed at Rhinebeck, N. Y., in June, 1890, comprising the Counties of Dutchess, Columbia, Ulster and Greene.

The second was the Central Association of Young People's Lutheran Associations of the City of Brooklyn, organized in May, 1891, with eight societies, and under similar circumstances as the New York Association.

In May, 1891, the first Central Association was organized in Pennsylvania, comprising the Young People's Luther Alliances and Young People's Associations of Lycoming and adjoining counties. There were 15 societies represented at this meeting, the total membership of which numbered 1,000. This Central Association was formed through the instrumentality of the organizers of the Luther Alliance.

The Luther League of Philadelphia was organized November 23, 1893, with 16 individual societies.

On May 30 the first State organization was formed at Utica—viz., the Luther League of New York, with six District Associations and about 80 individual societies.

The number of Central or District Leagues in 1898 was ten, with about 110 individual Leagues and a membership of nearly 8000.

The Luther League of Pennsylvania was organized at Harrisburg on June 25, 1894, with ten District Leagues and 90 individual Leagues. At the convention in 1898 the Statistical Secretary reported 20 District Leagues, 343 local Leagues and a membership of 18,500.

Other State Leagues were organized as follows:

Luther League of Kansas, Atchison, October, 1894, membership 1000.

Luther League of Illinois, Chicago, June 4, 5, 1895, membership (1898) 47 societies and 2784 individual members.

Luther League of New Jersey, Asbury Park, September 2, 1895, membership 500.

Luther League of Ohio, Springfield, June 3, 1896, membership (1898) 142 societies and 5158 members.

Luther League of Wisconsin, Madison, August 27, 28, 1896, membership 100 .

Luther League of Indiana and Kentucky, Indianapolis, September 17, 1896, membership 1000.

Luther League of North Carolina, Concord, October 31, 1896, membership 500.

Luther League of Iowa, November 17, 1896, membership 300.

Luther League of Nebraska, Lincoln, August 11, 12, 1897, membership 500.

Luther League of South Dakota, Canton, May 28, 1898, membership 200.

On October 30 and 31, 1895, the Luther League of America was organized at Pittsburgh by delegates representing State, District and individual organizations from 20 different States in the Union and the District of Columbia.

The Individual Societies

While the organization of District and State Leagues has progressed, the efforts of the individual societies have not been overlooked or their interests neglected. Those who have been studying the plan of work and carefully examined the doings of the individual Leagues and societies, are pleased to note that in all sections a spirit of greater activity is being shown.

The societies generally report an increase in membership, and it is also very gratifying to observe that there has been an earnest effort made to raise the standard of work in the various Leagues and associations, and that more active church work is being done by individual members than heretofore.

Provisions have been made for special religious work in many societies, in the use of the Luther League Topics.

The missionary spirit has also been particularly active among the young people, and numerous instances could be mentioned where societies are supporting the cause of missions. Certainly no better evidence of sincerity in the work could be given than this willingness to aid in missionary work.

Earnest efforts have been made to keep the newly confirmed to the Church, and with good results. There has been a better attendance of young people at the Church services, and the pastors have been aided in their work in many instances by the members of their societies.

These are only some of the results that have accrued from the organization of Luther Leagues. Advised and encouraged by their brethren of the same faith, they have taken hold with more determination, and have at last realized what a large field of usefulness lies before them.

Luther League of Wisconsin

Third Convention, at Beloit, August 24 and 25, 1898.

THE Luther League of Wisconsin held its third annual convention at Beloit, August 24 and 25, in Bethlehem Church, Rev. J. C. Jensson, pastor.

The first session began at 7.30 p.m., the church being crowded. Rev. Prof. Wm. K. Frick of Milwaukee, the State president, presided, who also conducted the devotional services. The delegates and visitors were then cordially welcomed by Pastor J. C. Jensson. The response was made by Rev. Frick, and this followed by the singing of the national hymn, " God Bless Our Native Land." The first of the two addresses of the evening was given by Rev. O. G. Belsheim of Albert Lea, Minn., on " The Perfect Life." His seven points were love, diligence, humility, patience, purity, temperance, peace. An anthem was sung by the Jefferson Prairie Choir, after which Rev. E. A. Trabert of La Crosse gave an interesting address on the subject of " Prayer and Working," which was the keynote of the convention.

Second Session

The morning session was called to order at 9 o'clock. The report of the Credential Committee which had been appointed at the previous meeting was accepted as read.

Mr. E. O. Bergh was made secretary *pro tem.*

Bethlehem League of Beloit was admitted to membership in the State League. The minutes of the second convention of the Wisconsin League, held in Stoughton, September 7 and 8, 1897, were accepted as read.

Then were given the reports of officers for the year 1897-98 by the president and the secretary, Mrs. T. H. Dahl of Stoughton. The report of the treasurer, Rev. E. O. Loe of Milwaukee, was read by the president.

The convention then proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted as follows : President, Rev. Wm. K. Frick of Milwaukee ; vice-president, Supt. T. C. Thompson of Mt. Horeb; general secretary, Mrs. T. H. Dahl, Stoughton ; recording secretary, Miss Valborg Johnson of Stoughton ; treasurer, Rev. O. E. Loe of Milwaukee.

After this the call for the National Luther League Convention, to be held in New York City, October 18, 19, 20, was read, and the motion was carried to leave the appointment of delegates to this convention to the Executive Committee, that is, the officers. The chair was authorized to appoint a committee to work for the extension of the Luther League throughout the State. The singing of " Jesus, Lord of Life and Glory " concluded the first half of the morning session. The rest of the morning was devoted to papers and discussions under the general head of " Prayer."

There were two papers on the subject of " Private Prayer," by Prof. C. O. Solberg of Pleasant View College, Ill., and by Supt. Thos. Thompson of Mt. Horeb.

These were followed by a paper on " Family Prayer," by Miss Bergh of Luther Valley Church, and one on " Public Prayer," by Miss Amanda Larsen of the Winchester League. The papers were all excellent, being well prepared and scholarly. The morning session then closed with " Onward, Christian Soldiers."

Third Session

The afternoon session was called to order at 2.15 p.m., and was opened with a hymn.

The following Extension Committee was appointed : Rev. Theo. Eggen of Madison, Rev. J. C. Jensson of Beloit, Rev. E. A. Trabert of La Crosse.

A model Luther League meeting, having for its subject " Beneficence," was held for the benefit of those present who had never attended such a meeting.

The convention then proceeded to a general discussion on the subject " Work," taking first " Personal Work," then " Sunday School Work " and " Works of Mercy," concluding with a paper on " Literary Work," by Miss Julia Peterman of Milwaukee.

The discussions were excellent. In connection with literary work the benefits of the Luther League Reading Course were emphasized ; also the reading of Lutheran periodicals.

Fourth Session

The last session, held at 7.30 Thursday evening, was opened with Vesper service.

Mr. C. K. Lippard of Racine then spoke on " Home Missionary Work." This was to have been followed by a paper on " Educational Work," by Professor Vigness of Pleasant View Lutheran College, but was omitted on account of his absence. After the singing of a hymn and an anthem by the Bethlehem Choir, an offering was taken up for the benefit of the State League. Rev. Wm. K. Frick of the Church of the Redeemer, Milwaukee, gave the concluding address on " The Spirit of Our Church."

After the farewell remarks of the pastors present the benediction was pronounced by the presiding officer, and the third Luther League Convention was declared adjourned.

A View and a Review

By Rev. W. L. Hunton

The Occasion. The Luther League is the expression of the desire of the young people of the Church to develop their spiritual life, increase their efficiency and render effective service in the building up of the kingdom of God in the world. The desire is praiseworthy. The motives which have brought our young Lutherans together in convention are certainly to be commended.

The Basis. The Luther League is a Lutheran organization. It does not recognize synodical lines; neither does it teach a disregard for them. Based upon the unaltered Augsburg Confession, it stands upon a platform where all *good* Lutherans feel at home ; and realizing the conditions in which Lutherans in America find their Church, its aim is not to emphasize differences, but to discover that which is common to all. In these days, when there is so much false unionism among those of other denominations, our young people are certainly to be encouraged in seeking for a basis of true unity among Lutherans.

The Aim. The aim of the League is to furnish a training which should correspond in some degree to the industrial training of the day in secular pursuits and fit our younger Church members *by work, for work* in the Master's Vineyard. If we are to have active and efficient workmen in the Church in the future, it is very necessary to give to those who are just beginning the Christian life some definite Christian work to perform. As a training school for young workers the Luther League is a most important factor to be considered in estimating the future forces of the Church.

Spirit and Methods. It has been the design of the leaders of the Luther League from the beginning to keep the movement near the Church. In fact it is the Church working in and through and for its young people. The relationship is as intimate and vital as of the Infant Department to the main Sunday School. No sign of pulling away from the Church has been observed, unless the pastor or older Church members have been disposed to look with distrust and suspicion upon the young people. "In the Church, of the Church, for the Church," is the motto of the League. Carried out, it cannot fail to secure the closest relationship and render the League a most helpful agency in the work of the congregation.

The methods employed by the League, while in a measure catering to the spirit and inclinations of the young people, so as to interest them in and hold them to the Church, have much higher purposes in view. Skilled leaders, conservative and progressive in spirit, have wisely planned to convert our young people into an organized company, helpfully active and actively helpful in every department of the Church's life. Wherever the methods prescribed by the League have been brought to their highest perfection we find the young people all "enlisted," "drilled" and "detailed" to do "special duty." The pastor who does not encourage such a movement among his young people prefers a crowd to an organized and drilled company. He is a poor captain.

Results. Lutherans are not given to boastful self-praise. Yet those who met in preliminary committee on Washington's Birthday, 1893, and after prolonged discussion with not a few misgivings issued the call for the first State convention of Lutheran Young People, can be pardoned if they point with pride to the fact that to-day, within the space of five years, there are more State Luther Leagues by half than there were committeemen at Albany, Feb. 22, 1893.

The members of those six original societies who organized the Central Association of New York City, April 19, 1888, can with still greater pride point to the Luther League of America, with its State, District and Local Leagues, in all branches of the Church and sections of the country, and exclaim: Behold what, with the direction of the Divine Spirit, are the results of the first decade of young people's work in our beloved Church.

But if there were nothing more than numbers and enthusiasm to show, the League would certainly be an empty organization, increasing in size but decreasing in value, like the unit back of which the mathematician continues to add ciphers.

When the forward march of the Luther League was begun the keynote which was struck was loyalty. The growing appreciation of the beauty and completeness of the Church's doctrine, the glories of her history, her present greatness and future possibilities, as the fruit of this principle in the League, is of inestimable value to the Church.

But the Luther League movement is not merely an emotional, but pre-eminently an educational movement. The philosopher says : "Man, know thyself." The

Luther League wisely says : " Young Lutheran, know thy Church." The interest in literature awakened at Chicago is not dying out. The meager reading courses and still more meager reports of literary secretaries are no criterion. Young Lutherans are awaking to an appreciation of their Church's history ; are cultivating a desire to know her achievements, her doctrines and her mission. Lutheran books are not growing dusty on the book shelves, and Lutheran literature, read and assimilated, will develop a generation of young Lutherans who are worth their weight in finest gold.

" Labor," the watchword for the coming convention, is only a natural reflection of that loyalty and knowledge which have already borne fruit in increased activity in both the local and general Church work. Hearts to love, minds to know and hands to work for the historic Church of the Reformation are in evidence as the direct results of the Luther League. Beautiful to look upon, her children of the League propose that her future shall be still more glorious.

Attitude of the Church.

That which is new must demonstrate its value before it is welcomed in a great conservative body like the Lutheran Church. The usefulness and desirability are beyond question. Open hostility is disappearing ; encouragement and co-operation are increasing. It remains for all to unite in the zeal of the young and see that their zeal be held in the channels which have been cut out by the Spirit of God, and carefully directed to the work that God commands, in the spirit that He gives. Then shall the power of our youth, directed and tempered by the wisdom of those whose advice and leadership they ask, help the Mother Church of the Reformation to fulfill the mission God and man expect her to accomplish in conserving, preserving and extending evangelical faith in liberty loving America.

Church Courtesy to Strangers

Several years ago two strangers, well dressed young men, entered a church in a small town and seated themselves in an empty pew. Presently an elderly woman, the owner of the pew, came to the door and motioned to them to come out until she should pass to the further end. They were offended at her discourteous manner and marched angrily out of the church, refusing to listen to any invitation to remain.

A few years afterward, the Queen of Holland, being an invalid, visited the city of Heidelberg, in Germany, for medical treatment. While there she went each Sunday to a modest little church, occupying the back seat in order to escape notice.

One day a scholarly looking man, plainly dressed, came into the church and took a seat near the pulpit. A few minutes later a haughty German lady swept up to the pew, and seeing a stranger in it, ordered him by imperious gesture to leave it.

The stranger quickly obeyed, and going into one of the seats reserved for the poor, joined devoutly in the services. After they were over the lady's friends gathered around her and demanded whether she knew who it was she had treated so rudely.

" No ; some pushing stranger," she replied.

" It was King Oscar of Sweden," was the answer. " He is here visiting the Queen."

Her mortification may be imagined.

A correspondent, who was an eye-witness of both these scenes, sends the story to us and asks, " Which played the more manly part, the two vain young men or King Oscar ? "—*Standard.*

Our Boys in the Army

In addition to the names given in our last issue of the members of the League who were serving their country in the war with Spain, we print the following :

Priv. A. Raymond Bard, Priv. John J. Fulmer, Reserve Ambulance Corps. 1st Army Corps; Priv. Chas. W. Bard, Co. A, 4th Regt. Penn. Vol.; Priv. Chas. Matz, Co. G, 1st Bat. 2d Regt. U. S. A.; Priv. James Matz, Troop F, 2d Reg. U. S. Cavalry, all of the Holy Trinity Luther League, Reading, Pa.; Priv. Levi Dussinger, 4th Penn. Vol. (Porto Rico); Priv. Owen Tasnacht, 4th Penn. Vol. (Porto Rico), both of St. John's, Columbia; Privs. C. K. Fetherolf, Ed. Molinquist and C. J. Ash, Co. H, 1st Regt. N. Y. Vols. (Chickamauga), Redeemer, Binghamton.

Priv. Irwin W. Kistler, Co. G, 13th Regt. Penn. Vols. (Chickamauga), St. Paul's, Great Bend.

Priv. John C. Spare, 6th Regt. Penn. Vols., St. James', Pottstown; Priv. Oliver Wickline, Battery A, Oregon Vols., St. James', Portland, Ore.

Praying and Working*

"What God hath joined together let no man put asunder"

By Rev. J. E. Whitteker

IN the world in which the natural man moves there are always two factors which figure in a very important way —plan and execution. The one represents the intellectual, the other the physical side of human life. This holds good in the whole realm of intelligent action. Such being the case, we need not be surprised to find that in all that goes to make up the life of the spiritual man there are elements distinct from that which is animal and intellectual, yet linked in a certain sense with them and operative through them.

In dealing with the dual nature of man, the physical and the spiritual, we find that there is a certain subtle relation between them whose nature cannot be explained, but whose existence, except by the grossest type of materialists, is universally acknowledged. Hence, in dealing with two such widely differing factors as praying and working, the one so thoroughly spiritual, the other so completely material, it is neither my purpose nor province to define this subtle relation, but rather to point out, in a plain, practical sort of way, how the one without the other is defective and inoperative, but how, when brought in living touch, the one with the other, they constitute a great active agency in the development of Christian character as well as in the growth of the Christian Church.

To get a clearer insight into the interdependence of these two great elements of Christian action let us look at each without the other and see just what is lacking to make it complete. Having done this, let us seek their proper adjustment, and then see how neatly the one serves as the complement of the other. If we succeed in making this plain, then we shall find here, too, an application of those words which, as a sub-head, mark the scope of my subject: "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

1. What is praying without working? It is wishing without striving; it is saying Lord, Lord, but doing nothing! If public, it is a Pharisaic pretense—the shallowest kind of hypocrisy; it is a sort of pious pose to attract the attention of men, not a going out of the heart toward God to gain His favoring glance. Or if there is such a thing as sincere prayer without consecrated performance, then it resolves itself into rank superstition—a vulgar charm. To pray and then do nothing to realize our prayers is to play the part of Herod and expect a miracle for the asking. The man who would build a power house and generate electricity, but furnish no appliance by which the stored up energy could operate, would be fully as wise as the man who exercises his lungs in vain repetitions, but uses neither head nor heart nor hand toward the realization of what he embodied in his petitions. Imagine a farmer praying for a rich harvest and then neither plowing nor sowing his fields. Imagine a minister praying that God would enlighten and sanctify his people and then bringing no enlightening and sanctifying truths home to their hearts—merely telling them what Dewey did at Manila, or something else up to date! Neither in things temporal nor in things spiritual can prayer s and alone. It is but half the circle, and must have its complement to round the circle out to its proper fullness. Wherever it touches, be it our natural or spiritual life, it has its human element—something which demands enlightened, intelligent action on the part of him who prays; and he who conjures with it, as with a formula, shall not only not have the Christian's blessing—he shall have the conjurer's curse.

2. What, then, of him who works but does not pray? He, too, puts asunder what God has joined together. Moreover, his is a life of implied infidelity. He recognizes no guiding, governing hand; sees no power greater than his own, and trusts in his personal wisdom and strength to set in operation each separate element essential to success, as well as to counteract all influences that would thwart his plans or interfere with their intended outcome. In the most literal sense, "God is not in all his thoughts." To the man who works but prays not there is no vital energy outside of himself and beyond his control—at least not beyond his efforts to control. He is in his own eyes almightiness in miniature, for when he speaks it must be done, when he commands it must stand fast. He holds his destiny in his own little grasp, and everything with which he deals depends upon his little fiat! It is plain, then, that there can be no Christian practice without Christian prayer. He who recognizes the sovereignty

* Address delivered at the fifth convention of the Luther League of Pennsylvania.

of God knows that the power of God is operative in all things. He who recognizes the love of God knows that His power, in love, is shaping things for the highest good of His children among men. To work, therefore, and not to pray is to deny the loving power of God, to refer all change to chance, to trust self to meet chance and change and harness them down by human device to serve human ends. Here again we have but half the circle, and the lower half at that.

3. "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder." It takes two hemispheres to make a sphere. By the ordination of God, praying and working round up a perfect circle in the Christian life. He who taught His disciples to pray "Thy kingdom come" gave the same disciples the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." He who in the agony of the garden sent up that earnest petition, punctuated with drops of blood, "Father, not my will but Thine be done," went forth to suffer and die, in obedience to the Divine will. Wherever there is the true spirit of prayer there is true consecration to the work it involves and hearty, self-denying action for its successful performance. Do we sincerely pray "Hallowed be Thy name?" Then we do all in our power that God's name may be hallowed by us and all mankind. Do we sincerely pray "Give us this day our daily bread?" Then we go forth in the fear of God and do what we can, each in his own calling, to earn our daily bread, giving God the praise for the increase. Do we sincerely pray "Lead us not into temptation?" Then we study to keep our feet far from the snares and pitfalls that Satan has set for them. Wherever our prayers reach, there our life runs, there our action centers, there our holiest aspirations point. Thus the very fact that we pray implies not merely that it is our fervent wish to secure that for which we pray, but that we make it our constant aim, backed up by our supremest effort, to realize in our lives every jot and tittle for which we pray.

4. This subject of praying and working, therefore, is an intensely practical one. It comes home to us as individual Christians; it surely comes home to us as members of the Luther League, named, as the League is, after that great man of prayer, equally great in action.

a. In our own lives are we given to prayer? And having prayed, do we strive by the grace of God to realize that which we have brought before His throne of grace? Take the Collect for each Lord's Day, as it touches directly upon our spiritual necessities. If we were to make these separate petitions the subject of meditation for the entire week, concentrating our thoughts, the whole energy of our being, upon one special want of our souls, doing it all by the light and inspiration of the Gospel and Epistle for the day, so that our spirits were modeled after and molded by its spirit, what a transforming power these prayers of the Church—our prayers now, the earnest longing of our inmost souls—what a wonderful transforming power they would be in our lives!

b. In our life in the Church are we given to prayer? And having prayed, do we go forth and strive by all the strength that God has given us to bring to full fruition that which had its budding in our hearts? In our local work do we come together at stated times to sing and pray, and pray and sing, and then feel that we have done our full duty toward God and man? Are we leagued together merely as a praying band, or as a band that works out our prayers? What are we as spiritual factors in our own congregation? Are we better and more useful than before we entered the League? If not, then what end has the League served? What are we as factors in the Church at large; what are we doing for her missions, home and foreign, her work of education, and the like? No more than when the League was first organized? Then the League has done nothing for us, nothing for the Church. We are simply linked together like some cold, clanking chain; not leagued like intelligent beings with one impulse and one aim, running out and up into oneness of action.

c. And if this be true, where is the corrective? More earnest prayer, more faithful work, a working out of our prayers and a praying out of our work. The two must go together. God has joined them; let us not, in our folly, try to put them asunder. Let us pray intelligently and heartily and work intelligently and heartily along the line of our prayers, and just as surely as God blesses him who prays, just so surely will He bless the work for which he prays. Nay, the two are inseparable. He will bless him in his work, for here, by a marvelous transformation, WHAT MAN JOINS TOGETHER IN FACT, GOD WILL NOT PUT ASUNDER IN EFFECT!

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

A Lutheran Chaplain Dead

THE death of Rev. W. F. Rick, chaplain of the Twelfth Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, and pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Williamsport, Pa., which occurred on August 21, is another sad event for Lutherans in the war history. Death was due to typhoid fever, which he contracted at Camp Alger. Mr. Rick came home from camp ten days ago, making the trip unaccompanied. The fever had gained a strong hold, and when he reached here he was in a dazed condition. He grew steadily worse until the end. Rev. W. F. Rick was born at Utica, N. Y., June 7, 1868. He took a classical course in Thiel College, at Greenville, later entering Mount Airy Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, and afterward taking a post-graduate course at the University of Pennsylvania. In 1893 he entered upon the pastorate of his first and only charge, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport. A handsome new church edifice stands as a monument to his labors. A month before the war broke out Mr. Rick was appointed chaplain of the Twelfth Regiment. When the call for troops came he asked for and was granted an indefinite leave of absence by his congregation, and when the local companies started for Mount Gretna he marched at their head. He was very popular among the members of the Twelfth, and it was his constant attendance upon the sick that brought on his own illness.

Cut loaned by Pennsylvania Grit.

REV. W. F. RICK
Chaplain 12th Regt. Penn. Vols.

The funeral was held on August 23. It was a military funeral. Colonel James B. Coryell came up from Camp Alger to be in attendance. The body lay in state in St. Mark's Lutheran Church from 10 to 12 o'clock, during which time thousands viewed the remains. The casket was partially covered with an American flag, and on an open Bible on top of the coffin lay the dead chaplain's cap. A military guard surrounded the casket. At 9 o'clock special services for the Sunday school were held. These were conducted by the Rev. F. W. Klingensmith of Utica, N. Y., the classmate of deceased. The funeral services at 2 o'clock were conducted by the Rev. T. B. Roth, D.D., pres. of Thiel College. A great crowd, which could not get inside the church, filled the street outside. A guard of honor from the Twelfth Regiment accompanied the hearse to the cemetery, where salutes were fired. The pall bearers were members of the Twelfth Regiment, who came home for this purpose.

Funeral of Corporal Immen

The body of Corporal Immen of the Seventy-first Regiment, New York Volunteers, one of our Luther Leaguers, who was the first to be shot at San Juan, was brought to this city on August 28 by Undertaker Lyons, who had great difficulty in getting the remains.

Arriving at Santiago, Lyons says he went to General Shafter, then to General Wood, and both gave him every assistance he needed. He was furnished with a cart and 11 mules to go over 5 miles of the worst road he ever saw. He says it was necessary to keep moving, for if he delayed a moment the cart would sink to the hubs.

It took 11 hours to make the 5 miles. He found the body buried with considerable care. A rough board marked the grave. He brought back the board that he found at the head of Corporal Immen's mound. It is inscribed:

CORPORAL G. L. IMMEN,
Killed July 1.
The Victory is Won.
May He Rest in Peace.

This sad relic was turned over to Corporal Immen's father.

The public funeral occurred on September 2, at Seventy-first Regiment Armory, and was conducted by the pastor of the deceased, Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D. An incident which occurred after the funeral left the armory is worth noting. President McKinley, who was in New York on the day of the burial, while on his way to review the Naval Reserves

passed the funeral procession. The carriages were stopped and the President and his party stood with heads uncovered while it passed.

71st Reg't, N. Y. Vols., Return.

Nothing in history can surpass the enthusiastic reception accorded the members of the Seventy-first Regiment, New York Volunteers, who returned to New York from Cuba a few weeks ago. Business was practically suspended and all vied with one another to do honor to the returning heroes. But amid all the enthusiasm of the occasion the soldiers did not forget that their safe return was due to an ever merciful Providence, and when the heroes reached their armory and the band began playing the Doxology all with one accord lifted their hats and joined in singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow."

In the silence that followed Colonel Downs, with his head uncovered, addressed his men with considerable feeling, saying:

"Only four months ago we left this armory, and now we are back again, proud of the record we have made. When we left we asked the blessings of Almighty God, and now when we have returned and are again with our friends I ask you all to join in silent prayer while our chaplain gives thanks to the Almighty."

Chaplain Van De Water then stepped forward and offered a fervent prayer for the safe return of the regiment.

Book Reviews

LUTHER, THE REFORMER, by Charles E. Hay, D.D. Lutheran Publication Society, Philadelphia. Pp. 201. 40 cents.

MARTIN LUTHER, THE HERO OF THE REFORMATION, by Henry Eyster Jacobs, D.D. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London. "Heroes of the Reformation" Series. Pp. 454.

The authors of these two biographies were eminently fitted for their work, the former by his translation of Koestlin's "Luther's Theology," the latter as a specialist on the Reformation period. The energy of Dr. Jacob's pen is remarkable, and his brain keeps pace with his pen; for all of his literary work has been of the highest standard.

The biographies were needed, since we have not possessed a fitting life of Luther in the English language. Neither does the one of these two render the other unnecessary. They differ totally, and will fit different wants. Dr. Hay's being one of the Lutheran Hand Book Series, is necessarily limited, simple and purely objective in its statement. For anybody unacquainted with Luther's life and work, and desiring an easy statement thereof, or for anybody acquainted therewith and desiring a quick review, this is the book. Its deficiencies arise from its brevity, although in some of the details Dr. Hay seems not to be as well up with the very latest research as is Dr. Jacobs. In common with Dr. Jacobs, we find Dr. Hay's description of the Disputation at Leipsig far more dramatic and interesting than that of the Diet of Worms, the Marburg Colloquy, or the Diet of Augsburg. The two books practically agree also in the method of division of Luther's life.

Dr. Jacobs' book should be read even by those thoroughly acquainted with the subject. The treatment is bright and vigorous. Some chapters are invaluable, as, for instance, that on Luther's Theology. The chapter on Philip of Hesse's double marriage is refreshingly frank. Luther's subjective development is finely delineated throughout. The doctrinal discussion is occasionally a little deep, but any intelligent Christian will find but slight difficulty. We would not omit mention of the fine press work and the well selected, and, for us, many new illustrations and cuts.

Special Announcement

The official train for delegates and visitors to the National Convention from Chicago and the West will leave Union station, Chicago, Monday morning, October 17, at 10.30 via. *Pennsylvania lines*, passing through Columbus, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Altoona, Harrisburg and Philadelphia. A Pullman sleeper will be reserved for Luther Leaguers if a sufficient number agree to travel that way. If desired special arrangments can be made whereby the party will be permitted to stop over at Philadelphia several hours, and in that way enjoy a few of the many interesting sights in that city. The Luther League coach will be attached to the afternoon train, arriving at Twenty-third street station, New York City (half mile from Holy Trinity Church) at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon.

The meeting of friends, together with the pleasure of new acquaintances, is one of the most delightful features of these conventions, and in traveling together for a thousand miles, it is safe to predict new friendships, exchange of ideas concerning ways, means and methods and quick passage of otherwise monotonous hours.

The fare from Chicago to New York on this train is but $18, the return ticket will cost one-third of the standard fare ($20), making the round trip from Chicago to New York a trifle less than $25. The price of one berth in the Pullman from Chicago to New York is $5 in addition to the regular ticket. One berth can accommodate two. For those who ride in the day coach the first day and take sleeper from Columbus the rate will be $3.50.

The Chicago Committee on Transportation is especially anxious to correspond with all Western people who expect to attend the convention, and will gladly respond to inquiries, secure tickets and sleeper car reservations and do all in its power to make this an exceptionally pleasant trip. It will assist the committee very much in making the special arrangements, to know as soon as possible who will be members of the party. Will secretaries and others having names of possible and probable visitors kindly send them to the chairman of the Chicago Transportation Committee, M. C. Olson, 260 Fifth avenue, Chicago, at an early date?

Luther League of New York State

Sixth Convention, in New York City, Monday and Tuesday, October 17 and 18, 1898

THE importance of the National Convention held during the same week ought to stimulate attendance at our State Convention. It meets at this time in order to give the Leagues in New York State the greatest opportunity of being represented in both conventions. Let all Leagues and Young People's Societies hasten to elect delegates—every League or society is entitled to two delegates, and Centrals to five—sending the credentials at the earliest possible moment to the chairman of the Credential Committee, the Rev. F. H. Knubel, 273 West 138th street, New York City.

* * *

The same reduction in railroad fare which is granted to delegates to the National Convention is granted to delegates and visitors attending the State Convention, only that it will be necessary for all those wishing to take advantage of the rate of one fare and one-third to remain until October 19, the day following the adjournment of the State Convention, in order to have their certificates validated by the railroad agent, who will be present only on that date.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH

Where New York State League will meet

The convention will be held in St. James' Lutheran Church, Madison avenue, corner Seventy-third street, the Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., pastor. Full particulars as to how to reach the church will be given in the circular which the Executive Committee hopes to forward to all Leagues in connection with the State League in a few days.

Two sessions will be held, Monday evening, October 17, at 7.45, and Tuesday morning, October 18, at 9.30. The evening meeting will be addressed by Dr. Remensnyder and President Dinkey, and two eminent speakers with whom all arrangements have not been completed at this writing, but who are reasonably sure of attending. The Luther League Choral Union will furnish the music. Tuesday morning's session will be devoted largely to the transaction of business, election of officers, committee reports, etc. The convention, though short, will be profitable and instructive, and a fitting introduction to the National Convention.

(*Continued on page 23.*)

For Special Terms on Way of Salvation for Luther Leagues, apply to the author, 1842 Reta Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Luther League Review

OFFICIAL ORGAN OF THE LUTHER LEAGUE
ISSUED MONTHLY BY THE
LUTHER LEAGUE OF AMERICA
IN THE INTERESTS OF
The Lutheran Church and her Young People.

Edited by E. F. Eilert,
WITH
W. C. STOEVER, PHILADELPHIA, PA. H. F. SCHEELE, STAUNTON, VA.
S. G. WEISKOTTEN, BROOKLYN, N. Y.
AS SPECIAL ASSOCIATES,
And the co-operation of the Executive Committee of the Luther League of America.

Address all communications for the Editor to
P. O. Box 876, New York.
Publication Office, 131 Liberty St., New York.
Subscription, 50 Cents a Year.
Club Terms on Application.
Entered at the N. Y. Post Office as Second-class Matter

Editorial

What next? Meeting of the Luther League of America. *Where?* In Holy Trinity Church, Twenty-first street, between Fifth and Sixth avenues, New York City. *When?* Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 18, 19 and 20, 1898. *Who will be there?* The interested young Lutherans of the United States.

"On to Richmond" was the cry during our Civil War. "On to Santiago," "On to Porto Rico," "On to Havana," were the cries during our latest war. "On to New York" should be the cry for the next six weeks, and the aim of every young Lutheran should be to move in that direction, and to receive the inspiration of a large and earnest gathering of those of the same faith.

Remembering that "we be brethren," may we gather in New York in the spirit of brotherly love, and with the earnest and prayerful desire that the spirit of peace may dwell with us, and that our meeting may tend to the peace of our Zion.

"Nothing without labor" is an old saying, but one which we need to learn for our daily work as well as for our Church life. The motto of the National Convention is the third L. Let us come together in the spirit of learners, that we may know better how to labor for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in the Church and through the Church.

In order to be loyal Lutherans it is requisite that we know the teachings of our Church, and the League Reading Course was begun to give us a better knowledge of the writings of our great men. What has been done in this direction we may learn partly by the reports in New York, but the effect can be seen only in the work which results from a better knowledge of and acquaintance with our Church and its leaders. Loyalty requires faithfulness, and reading labor.

Taste for reading can be developed, but it is a serious question how it frequently is developed. There is a tendency at the present time to read that which is light and demoralizing rather than that which is instructive and ennobling. Therefore it is important that proper attention be given to the books which the youth read, and that those books only which are elevating and enlarging are put into their hands. The following statement shows the tendency of improper reading:

"The dime novel has scored again in the case of the gang of callow youth who held up the Burlington flyer the other night. All of these boys are the sons of respectable parents. Their leader was aged 17. His 'pals' were of ages ranging from 16 to 20. 'These intrepid road agents,' says the Indianapolis *Sentinel*, 'received the inspiration which enabled them to hold up an expess train, terrorize the trainmen, overpower the express messenger and roll his strong box out of the car door into a wagon, from persistent reading of yellow-backed romances. The most astonishing thing about it is that the

identification and arrest of the crowd came from one of them dropping a pocket dictionary, with his name on the fly leaf. The curious mixture of tastes that could lead a reader of such literature to use a dictionary is something new in the world's collection of oddities.' "

According to the testimony of laymen, given over and over again, the Luther League has greatly enlarged their horizon concerning the Lutheran Church, her historical position, her strength and the greatness of her present opportunities. By bringing together in convention the intelligent young Lutherans from all parts of our country the League has enabled them to become personally acquainted. This acquaintance has revealed the splendid material everywhere found in our Lutheran congregations, and made us all feel, as never before, what mighty things might be achieved were this material more thoroughly organized and its energies given proper direction. As our laymen and pastors more and more realize this the greater is the interest awakened in the League. From every quarter come the assurances that the League is doing a blessed and much needed work.

All solid work is slow work. We do not expect the Luther League to perform miracles. Her greatest glory does not consist in the length of her membership roll, but in the thorough work which she is doing to awaken young Lutherans to a greater appreciation of the Lutheran Church, for with that larger appreciation is bound to come a more active interest in the Church and her future in America. The Luther League is making its members better Lutherans and training them to do more and better work in and for the Church.

It is one of the most encouraging signs that many of those who at first doubted the wisdom of the League movement are now deeply interested in its splendid work. They have studied the League and watched it for years, and now confess that the wise, conservative course of the League, and its evident purpose to awaken a stronger and deeper Lutheran loyalty, has won them over. The coming National Convention, with its excellent programme, emphasizing " Missions," the " Deaconess Work " and " Education," will be sure to win many friends for the League and deepen the conviction that it is a movement of God.

Every League member ought to think of the League movement as of God. If we all keep this thought in view how blessed will be the coming National Convention. Then the delegates will come with a fixed and earnest purpose to make it a meeting worthy of the great work to which God has called us. Then every member who cannot attend the convention will offer up earnest prayers that Christ, the Head of the Church, may bestow upon that meeting great and rich blessings. Let us all, as loyal Leaguers, be asking great benedictions for the coming convention.

New York State Convention

The New York City League, burdened with the large expense in harboring the National League, cannot be expected to guarantee private entertainment to delegates or visitors attending this convention. Special rates are being secured at hotels, however, so that the expense of attending this convention will be very low, while Leagues have the great advantage of being represented in both conventions. The Empire State should give no uncertain sound on the eve of the assembling of the hosts from the North, South, East and West, but let it be, as in political campaigns for a generation past, " As goes New York, so goes the nation." Let New York sound the keynote.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT,

CORNELIUS ECKHARDT,
Business Manager,
P. O. Box 333, - Washington, D. C.

Remittances can be made by Post Office Order, Draft or Registered Letter.

Address all business communications, and send all remittances to, the Business Manager, at above address.

To Our Subscribers

WHEN some months ago notice was given in these columns that the REVIEW would be sent only as long as paid for the writer rather expected some objection, and he was not disappointed. The principal objection was based on the ownership of the paper. The claim was made that as the REVIEW was owned by the Luther League of America, and that as many subscribers to the REVIEW were also members of the Luther League of America, they should not be thus dealt with and their paper stopped immediately upon the expiration of the time as paid for. Others that many would, perhaps, forget to renew promptly, and in many cases would lapse only a few months, and other objections too numerous and petty to mention.

To satisfy these objections, and also in line with the policy of the paper to be as liberal as possible in its business relations with its patrons, the above mentioned rule has not been enforced. It is not our intention, for the present at least, to print the names of these delinquents, but instead this reminder, and a gentle hint to pay up your honest debts. In addition to this notice a statement has been sent to every subscriber in arrears, with a request to either pay up and stop the paper or renew at once. As a matter of course the latter is hoped for and expected. If you find you must stop your subscription, don't fail to pay what you are owing before doing so. If you receive a paper it is sufficient evidence that you want it; otherwise you would stop it. And if you want it, and it is worth your wanting, you should pay for it.

The time is drawing near for another convention, the third of the Luther League of America, and it is my desire to make my report to the committee just as good as it is possible to be made. To do this I need your help, of course, but what I need most is money. Every business needs money, and the REVIEW is no exception. The REVIEW needs it, and needs it badly. The outstanding accounts on our books and the subscriptions now in arrears, if paid, are sufficient to pay off every dollar of our indebtedness, and it should be paid, and that before the convention.

Loyalty is a good thing, but it don't pay the printer. Enthusiastic State and District conventions are just lovely, but these things don't pay the printer either.

To give this letter greater publicity, I would not only request, but urge every president of a Luther League, or Young People's Society, to have it read at the next meeting after receipt of same, and not only read it, but urge action at once. By so doing you will greatly oblige

Yours very truly,

CORNELIUS ECKHARDT,
Business Manager,
P. O. Box 333, Washington, D. C.

What They Think of the Review

C. T. A. Anderson, Chicago, Ill.

The REVIEW is very interesting and complete—100 per cent. better in its present form.

Rev. J. H. Culler, Bucyrus, Ohio.

The REVIEW, always good, is better and improving. It's a beauty in its new costume.

Rev. G. H. Trabert, Minneapolis, Minn.

The LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW in its new form is a gem, and is very highly appreciated. It is brimful of good things.

Rev. C. Huber, Richmond, Ind.

Its new dress is very attractive, and I wish for it a useful career in the future.

S. H. Holstad, Chicago, Ill.

The REVIEW in its new form certainly adds to the attractiveness of the paper, and should add quite a number of names to the subscription list. On the whole, the management of the REVIEW is to be congratulated on the very marked improvement in every department of our official organ.

Rev. E. G. Lund, Minneapolis, Minn.

Hearty congratulations on the improved form, dress and contents of the REVIEW. It has always been a welcome paper to me and now will be more so than ever. I sincerely hope its subscription list will be largely increased among the Luther Leaguers of the Northwest, and it shall be my endeavor to increase that list whenever I have the opportunity.

A. C. GRIMM,
47 EAST 19TH STREET, BETWEEN BROADWAY AND FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK.
STAINED, . . LEADED . . AND . . MOSAIC. . . GLASS
FOR . . . . CHURCHES . . . . AND . . . DWELLINGS.
MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

Our Churches and Institutions

IN SOME OF THE CITIES

New York City

— The Lutheran Emigrant House, at 26 State street, will celebrate its twenty-fifth anniversary on October 31.

— Rev. Karl Schroeder of the German Theological Seminary at Chicago will become the assistant of Dr. Wenner of Christ Church on October 1.

— The New York and New Jersey Synod will convene at Asbury Park, N. J., on September 20 in the Auditorium, Sixth avenue and Kingsley street.

Brooklyn

— Christ English Church, Reverend Knabenshuh, pastor, on Lafayette avenue, near Broadway, broke ground for a new church on Sunday, September 11.

— On Sunday, September 4, the cornerstone of the new St. John's Church, on Prospect avenue, Rev. F. H. Bosch, pastor, was laid with appropriate services.

— Rev. H. E. Clare, who began English services in the Rochester Avenue Congregational Church during July, has met with such great success that the church property, which was for sale, has been purchased and will be refitted as a permanent home for the congregation.

— The cornerstone of the new St. John's German Church at Sayville, L. I., was laid on July 3.

Philadelphia

— The cornerstone of the Lutheran Church of the Nativity, Philadelphia, Rev. U. S. G. Bertolet, pastor, was laid on Sunday, August 14.

— The one hundred and fiftieth jubilee of the dedication of Zion's Church, Rev. J. E. Nidecker, pastor, will be held on September 25.

— The sixth annual festival of the Lutheran Mission Society, embracing 18 congregations of Philadelphia and vicinity, was held at Washington Park, on Sunday, August 7. Nearly 2,000 persons attended.

Chicago

— Rev. J. W. Kapp, D.D., of Richmond, Ind., who was called to Grace Church as the successor of Dr. Tope, has been obliged to decline, owing to the persistent refusal of his congregation to consent to a separation. He has been pastor at Richmond for 14 years.

— The cornerstone of St. Matthew's English Church, Rev. G. P. Kabele, pastor, was laid at Lexington avenue and West Forty-sixth street, on Sunday, July 31.

Cincinnati

— The biennial convention of the Synodical Conference of the Lutheran Church, recently met in Trinity Church, Rev. A. von Schlichten, pastor. The opening sermon was preached by the president, Rev. Bading of Milwaukee, Wis. The venerable speaker addressed a large congregation from Acts 20. The election of officers resulted as follows: Rev. Bading, pres.; Rev. P. Brand, vice-pres.; Professor Schaller, sec.; treas., Mr. Christiansen; all re-elected.

Pittsburgh

— On July 24, the Second St. Paul's Church celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. Pastors F. Brand and P. Brand preached. The collections were donated to a needy sister congregation.

Rochester

— The St. Johannis congregation, of which Rev. D. Nicum is pastor, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its history on August 21. Revs. A. Richter and E. Hartman preached at the morning services, and Revs. J. Rechsteiner, a former pastor, and W. Junge, member of the confirmation class of 1889, delivered addresses in the evening. The congregation has had four pastors, Ernst Heydler (1873-1877), J. Muhlhaeuser (1878-1884), J. Rechtsteiner (1884-1887) and Dr. J. Nicum.

Jersey City

— The Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church in Jersey City, N. J., founded less than two years since, has purchased a property on the eastern corner of Barrow and Montgomery streets, at a cost of $13,000. The building on this admirable lot consists of a handsome three-story brown stone front dwelling, which will be converted into a place of worship. The situation is admirable. Rev. E. E. Neudewitz is the pastor of this congregation. He has been instrumental in having another congregation organized in Greenville, a suburb of Jersey City, which has already a growing Sunday school and a church membership of 43. Rev. S. C. Burger, a recent Gettysburg graduate, is pastor of this organization. Holy Trinity will probably begin building operations in the spring.

Boston

— The cornerstone of Immanuel Church, East Boston, Rev. F. C. Wurl, pastor, was laid recently with appropriate services.

NEW YORK STATE

— A handsome new chancel has been added to the German Lutheran Church at Poughkeepsie, of which Rev. E. C. J. Kraeling is the pastor. Several beautiful and artistic stained glass windows, the work of Mayer & Co., 47 Barclay street, New York, made in their Bavarian glass works, have been placed in this chancel; they are appropriate in design and rich in coloring.

— On August 14 Rev. F. W. Behnke was installed as pastor of our church at Brockport, N. Y.

— The Lutheran Church at Lancaster. N. Y., was struck by lightning on August 12, and totally destroyed by fire.

— Rev. W. H. Stutts of Buffalo, N. Y., has accepted a call to Manorton, N. Y., to succeed Rev. Walter Miller.

— Rev. J. H. Asbeck, who tendered his resignation as pastor of the German Zion's Church at Niagara Falls, some time ago, but who has been waiting the selection of a successor, has decided to remain, at the urgent request of the congregation.

PENNSYLVANIA

— The cornerstone of Christ's Lutheran Church of Loganville, York County, Pa., was laid with appropriate services, on September 11. Rev. Albert M. Heilman of Shrewsbury preached the sermon, and Dr. Enders made an address.

— Rev. J. E. Whitteker, superintendent of missions of the General Council, has accepted a call to Rochester, Pa.

— The one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of our Church, at Kutztam, was observed on September 11.

— The cornerstone of St. James' Church in Pleasant Valley, Bedford County, Pa., was laid with appropriate services Sunday, August 7, by Rev. J. W. Lingle, pastor. Rev. D. M. Blackwelder and Rev. M. L. Culler, pastor of Trinity, Bedford, assisted in the interesting services.

— Rev. Joseph R. Titzel, professor of Greek in Thiel College, Greenville, since 1874, who has been in failing health for some time, died on August 24, of paralysis.

— The cornerstone of the fine Lutheran Church, now building at Mifflinburg, Pa., Rev. C. Luther McConnell, pastor, was laid under a bright sky amid the joy of many glad hearts, on Sunday morning, August 7, 1898. Rev. J. R. Dimm, D.D., president Synod of Central Pennsylvania, was present at the services.

— Memorial services for Rev. Frank M. Seip were held in Trinity Church, Lebanon, on August 14, and were conducted by Rev. J. H. Raker.

NEW JERSEY

— Rev. Aug. R. Frey, son of Rev. A. E. Frey of Brooklyn, was recently installed as pastor of the new St. John's Church at Third and Bloomfield streets, Hoboken.

— Rev. Arthur E. Grindel, late of Cedars, N. Y., will take charge of the new English work in Hoboken, this month.

— On July 11 Rev. S. C. Burger, in charge of the new English Church of Greenville, N. J., organized a congregation with 43 members.

— On August 7 St. John's congregation, Bayonne, Rev. W. Sanft, pastor, consecrated a new church. Rev. R. Luehrs preached in the morning and Rev. H. Schoppe in the afternoon. The church seats about 200.

OHIO

— St. Paul's Church, at Bridgeport, celebrated its tenth anniversary on July 17, a number of neighboring pastors assisting.

— The cornerstone of our church at Osborn was laid on Sunday, July 31. The sermon was preached by Rev. Prof. D. H. Bauslin. The pastor of the church is Rev. C. E. Gardner, who is now chaplin of the Third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Rev. Frederick G. Gotwald is acting pastor of the church.

— The cornerstone of the new Lutheran Church of Shelby, Ohio, Rev. Dr. Singley, pastor, was laid on August 28. This building will be 126 feet 6 inches by 60 feet 8 inches, with a 10-foot stone basement under the entire building.

— The third annual reunion of the Lutherans in Northwestern Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio was held at Conneaut Lake, Crawford County, on Wednesday, August 17.

MARYLAND AND THE SOUTH

— Rev. G. J. Uhler of Gettysburg was recently installed as pastor of the Oakland, Md., charge.

— Rev. Geo. S. Bearden is compelled to remain as pastor at St. Luke's, N. C., as his congregation refused to accept his resignation.

— The fifty-seventh annual convention of the Synod of Southwestern Virginia met at Rural Retreat, Va., on August 17, Rev. J. B. Greiner, president. Messrs. C. L. Brown and E. W. Leslie were solemnly ordained to the gospel ministry. The former is missionary-elect to Japan.

— The Virginia Synod met in the Old Lutheran Church near Madison Court House on August 24. Rev. Wm. J. Smith was elected pres.; Rev. C. H. Rockey, vice-pres.; Rev. L. L. Smith, sec.; L. S. Walker, Esq., treas. Twenty-two ministers of the Synod and the same number of lay delegates were present.

— The Holston Synod met in Zion Church, Sullivan County, Tenn., on August 11, and was organized by electing Rev. A. D. R. Hancher, pres.; Rev. Prof. J. B. Greever, vice-pres.; Rev. H. E. Bailey, sec., and Rev. F. M. Harr, treas.

IN THE WEST

— Rev. W. H. Blancke's people at Davenport, Iowa, have decided that the new church should not cost over $20,000.

— The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of our congregation at Swede Home, Neb., was celebrated on August 12. Addresses were delivered by Revs. S. G. Larson, L. O. Lindh and the pastor, J. E. Nordling.

— Grace Church of Steinauer, Neb., was dedicated to the worship of the Triune God Sunday, August 7. Rev. L. P. Ludden of Lincoln preached the dedicatory sermon. Steinauer is a small village on the Rock Island Railroad, where no Protestant services had been held since the town was laid out, until a year ago, when our missionary from Pawnee City, Rev. R. W. Petrea, began to preach.

— The German Lutherans (Missouri) held their annual mission fest at Fremont, Neb., Sunday, August 21. In spite of the heat the exercises were quite well attended, the attendance from the country being large. The sermon was delivered by Reverend Flach of Dodge and there were addresses by a number of clergymen.

— Rev. Dr. J. E. Bushnell will shortly tender his resignation as pastor of the English Lutheran Church at Oakland, Cal. Rev. Payson Young, Ph.D., who for some months past has been the acting pastor of the church, has resigned, on account of ill health, to take effect September 4.

Memorial Stained Glass Windows.

MAYER & CO.
(of MUNICH),

47 Barclay Street, New York,

invite applications for designs and estimates for Memorial and other windows.

Luther League

Luther League of America

Organized at Pittsburgh, Pa., October 30 and 31, 1895, by delegates representing State, District and individual organizations from twenty different States in the Union and the District of Columbia.

OFFICERS

E. F. Eilert, - - - - - - President, 578 W. 146th St., New York.

M. C. Olson, - - - - - - - General Sec'y, 262 Fifth Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Cornelius Eckhardt, - - - - - - Treasurer, No. 1306 V St., N. W., or P. O. Box 333. Washington, D. C.

Wm. C. Stoever, - - - - - Recording Sec'y, Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Katharine Meister, - Ass't Recording Sec'y, Lancaster, Pa.

Executive Committee

Composed of the President, General Secretary, Treasurer and the following members:

Rev. S. G. Weiskotten, - - - Brooklyn, N. Y.
Rev. H. F. Scheele, - - - - Staunton, Va.
Geo. M. Jones, - - - - - - Reading, Pa.
Dr. J. F. Trexler, - - - - - Lancaster, Pa.
Rev. W. K. Frick, - - - - Milwaukee, Wis.
Leander Trautman, - - - - - Pittsburgh, Pa.
Rev. J. L Murphy, - - - - - Rock Island, Ill.
Rev Luther M. Kuhns, - - - Omaha, Neb.
F. A. Hartranft, - - - - - Philadelphia, Pa.

All communications regarding membership, constitutions, &c., should be addressed to the General Secretary.

STATE LEAGUES

Luther League of New York State.
Pres., John F. Dinkey, - - - - Rochester.
Cor. Sec'y, Chas. H. Bogel, 726 Macon St., Brooklyn.

Luther League of Pennsylvania.
Pres., W. C. Stoever, - - - - Philadelphia.
Cor. Sec'y, Horace M. Bikle, - - Pittsburgh.

Luther League of Kansas.
Pres., Prof. C. F. Peterson, - - - Lindsborg.
Sec'y, Miss Anna Lesher, - - - - Abilene.

Luther League of New Jersey.
Pres., Rev. E. B. Killinger, - - - Trenton.
Cor. Sec'y, Miss Lena Dapper, 29 Cooper St., Trenton.

Luther League of Illinois.
Pres., Frank S. Springer, - - - Springfield.
Sec'y, K. T. Anderson, - - - - Rock Island.

Luther League of Ohio.
Pres., Rev. E. K. Bell, D.D., - - - Cincinnati.
Cor. Sec'y, Rev. C. K. Hunton, - - - - Ada.

Luther League of Wisconsin.
Pres., Rev. W. K. Frick, - - - - Milwaukee.
Sec'y, Mrs. T. H. Dahl, - - - - - Stoughton.

Luther League of Indiana-Kentucky.
Pres. Rev. J. A. M. Ziegler, Ph.D., - Louisville, Ky.
Cor. Sec'y, Miss Ella Hartman, - Indianapolis, Ind.

Luther League of North Carolina.
Pres., Prof. E. B. Setzler, - - - Mt. Pleasant.
Cor. Sec'y, Miss Lester Bloom, - - Charlotte.

Luther League of Iowa.
Pres. Rev. S. R. Elson, - - - - Iowa City.
Sec'y, Rev. O. G. U. Siljau, - - Northwood.

Luther League of Nebraska.
Pres., Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, - - - Omaha.
Cor. Sec'y, Miss Margaret Pierson, - - Lincoln.

Luther League of So. Dakota.
Pres., Prof. C. S. Lawrence, - - Canton.
Cor. Sec'y, O. A. Anderson, - - - Vermillion.

District Leagues in States not Organized

Luther League of Central Connecticut.
Pres., N. J. Ronstedt, - - - - New Haven.
Cor. Sec'y, Miss Augusta Hoffmeister, New Haven.

Luther League of Newberry County, S. C.
Pres., S. J. Derrick, - - - - - Newberry.
Sec'y, F. Gertrude Simpson, - - - Newberry.

Luther League of the South Atlantic Coast Region.
Pres., Rev. R. C. Holland, D.D., - Charleston, S. C.
Cor. Sec'y, Julian Smith, - - - Charleston, S. C.

Young People's Union of the Minnesota Swedish Conference.
Pres., Rev. C. J. Petri, - - - - Minneapolis.
Cor. Sec'y, Rev. F. M. Eckman, - - Centre City.

Luther League of the Twin Cities.
Pres., Rev. E. G. Lund, - - Minneapolis, Minn.
Sec'y. Miss Annie Quamm, - Minneapolis, Minn.

NEW YORK STATE

— The president of the Luther League of New York State has appointed the following delegates to the National Convention.

J. F. Dinkey, Rochester.
E. F. Eilert, New York City.
Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D.D., New York City.
Geo. D. Boschen, New York City.
Geo. P. Moller, Brooklyn.
Rev. C. T. McDaniel, Hudson.
Rev. J. H. Weaver, Centre Brunswick.
Rev. C. C. Manz, Syracuse.
Dr. F. C. Gram, Buffalo.
C. G. Grauer, Buffalo.

New York City

— On September 12 the Luther League Choral Union began its regular rehearsals for the season in St. Paul's Church, West 123d street. As there will only be seven or eight rehearsals before the National Convention, it is urged that all who can attend these rehearsals every Monday evening.

— The Luther League of New York City will hold its regular meeting in St. John's Church Monday evening, September 19. As this will be the last meeting prior to the National Convention a large attendance is looked for of delegates and members from the various Leagues. Delegates to the National Convention will be elected at this meeting.

— Sergt. Fred. Bohlig, Seventy-first Regiment, N. Y. V., the treasurer of the Luther League of the Church of the Atonement, who has just returned from Santiago, gave some reminiscences of the war at a meeting held in the church on September12.

— A new Luther League was organized in Holy Trinity English Lutheran Church, at Mt. Vernon, Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor, on September 1.

Rhinebeck District

— The Lutheran Chuch at Viewmont, Rev. W. Traver, pastor, has just been recarpeted and refrescoed by the Ladies' Aid Society. The Luther League intends to contribute a new chandelier.

— A Junior Luther League was lately organized in the congregation at Great Bend Point, in the charge served by Rev. M. J. Beiber of Binghamton, with a membership of 16. The sessions are held every Sunday at 3 p.m. Much interest is manifested in the meetings.

Rochester and Buffalo Leagues

— The Luther Leagues of Rochester and Buffalo held a very enjoyable excursion and reunion at Portage, Wednesday, July 20. Buffalo was represented by about 200, while Rochester sent 350. The Buffalo *Lutheran* says: "We were glad to see the Lutherans of the Flower City respond in such large numbers, and feel that they are deserving of especial praise, as this is the second time they have outnumbered us at the reunion."

— The House Cleaning Committee of the Jugendverein of Rev. Gauph's church, at Pittsford, has done its work well, says the pastor. The church carpet looks as well as a new one. Pews, windows and wainscoting are in a condition to remind us of the close relation of cleanliness and godliness.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties

— The Central Luther League of Bucks, Montgomery and Chester Counties held a grand rally of all the Leagues and societies connected with the Central, in Sanatoga Park, on Labor Day, Monday, September 5, 1898. Addresses were made by Rev. O. P. Smith, D.D., Pottstown; Rev. J. L. Becker, Lansvale; Mr. Geo. W. Zimmerman, Trappe, and Hon. C. R. Lautz of Lebanon.

Reading Central

— The Central Luther League of Reading and Vicinity held its fourth annual Lutheran reunion on August 26 at the Tower on top of Mt. Penn, overlooking the city of Reading. In the absence of both president and vice-president, Geo. M. Jones, chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, presided. The first address of the afternoon was delivered by Dr. S. L. Harkey on "Christian Civilization." The second, on "The Earliest Lutherans in this Country," was delivered by Prof. E. J. Wolf, D.D. In the evening Rev. W. H. Meyers spoke on "The Graces of Christian Culture." He was followed by an impromptu address by Rev. H. D. Spaeth, in which he highly complimented not only the Central of Reading and Vicinity but the Luther League in general on the work which has already been done. The annual convention of the Central will be held on October 13.

Catawissa League

— The ninth annual convention of the Catawisa Central Luther League was held in the Opera House, Montgomery, Lycoming County, Pa., on September 1 and 2, 1898. Full report of the meeting will be given next month.

Somerset County League

— The new officers of this Central League elected at the convention held on July 28 are as follows: Pres., Prof. J. C. Speicher; vice-pres., Rev. M. L. Young, Ph.D., and Harry Hoffman; rec. sec., Miss Hattie Moore; cor. sec., Wm. H. Fritz, Jr.; treas., H. E. Shaffer. The delegates to the National Luther League are Prof. J. C. Speicher, Rev. M. L. Young and Rev. J. S. Taylor; alternates, Miss Hattie Moore, Miss Kate Thompson and Rev. J. E. Zerger.

Northwestern Central League

— Thirty-nine delegates were present at the meeting of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Central Luther League, held in St. John's Church, Erie, Revs. G. A. and C. T. Benze, pastors. The officers elected are: Pres., Rev. G. A. Benze, Erie; vice-pres., Wm. Eckert, Greenville; rec. sec., Miss Jessie Berst; cor. sec., W. C. Sager, Cleveland; treas., W. L. Berst. Among the papers read were two papers, "The Young Woman in the Church," by Wilford S. Saeger of Cleveland, and "The Young Man in the Church," by Miss Lydia Kanengelser of Greenville.

OHIO

— The fifth annual convention of the Luther League of Joint Synod of Ohio, East, was held in St. Mark's Church, Butler, Pa., on August 9. Rev. Cronenwett extended a hearty welcome to the visitors, to which response was made by President Reimann.

The president in his report showed that the League has been increasing in strength. Two new local Leagues have been organized by Rev. Simon of Perrysvile and Rev. Janowitz of Mars.

The election for 1898-99 resulted as follows: Pres., Rev. H. J. Reimann, Oil City; vice-pres., west, Rev. L. N. Burry, Massillon, Ohio; vice-pres., east, Rev. H. J. Schuh, Allegheny; English sec., Miss Marie Schuh, Allegheny; German sec., Miss J. Hoge, Allegheny; treas., C. E. Cronenwett, Butler.

Among the papers read were "The Calling of the Young People in the Church," by Miss Anna Reiser; "Sociability and Its Position in League Work," by Rev. W. E. Arnholt of Carrollton, Ohio, and "Clannishness or Cordiality in Sunday School, League and Church Circles," by Albert C. Troutman of Butler; "The Luther League *vs.* Anti-Christian Associations," by Miss Kratch of Massillon, Ohio, and "Self Development or Training Under Guidance," by Miss Florence Stahl of Pittsburg, Pa.; "The First Foreign Missionary of the Joint Synod of Ohio," by Miss Pasoth of Allegheny, and "The Luther League as an Auxiliary for the Improvement of Congregational Singing," by Miss Gaisford of Chicora; "Are Our Lutheran Confessions Adequate to Our Times?" by Rev. A. R. Kuldell of Allegheny. In the evening a large audience assembled in the auditorium of St. Mark's Church. The speakers were Revs. A. R. Kuldell of Allegheny and H. J. Reimann of Oil City. The first spoke in the German and the latter in the English language.

At one of the sessions Mr. David Shabbaz of Ooranemia, Persia, was introduced and delighted the audience with an interesting address on "Mission Work Among My Own People."

— The Luther League of Southeastern Ohio held a convention in St. John's Church, at Zanesville, Rev. F. Richards, D.D., pastor, on August 20, that was very interesting and profitable. Excellent and instructive papers were read by Prof. F. E. Swingle of Nanticoke, Pa., on "The Influence of Education on the Reformations;" by Miss Ida May Swingle of Pittsburgh, Pa., on "Music in the Lutheran Church;" by Miss May Ashton on "The Devotional Work of the League," and by Rev. G. F. Ruff of Derry, Pa., on "The Reading Course of the League." There was a very large turnout of people and much enthusiasm of the sort that tends to active work for the Church was shown.

— The Luther League of Trinity Church, Middle Point, Ohio, Rev. B. F. Hoefer, pastor, is doing effective work. Recently it was resolved to undertake the support of a student in the Rajahmundry field. The funds will be raised entirely by free will offerings, and the full amount will be ready to send after a few more meetings, since the members are deeply interested and have been responding liberally.

— At the meeting of the Luther League Reading Circle of St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Mansfield, Ohio, held Friday, August 26, before the departure of the pastor, Rev. Geo. H. Reen, the young people presented their retiring pastor with some books as a token of their esteem for him and of their appreciation of his valuable assistance in their study. The circle will resume their reading as soon as Reverend Reen's successor arrives.

INDIANA-KENTUCKY

— The third annual convention of the Luther League of Indiana and Kentucky will convene in St. Mark's Church, Whitestown, Ind., Rev. S. P. Fryberger, pastor, on Tuesday, September 20, 1898. Delegates will please notify Miss Pearl Neidlinger, Whitestown, Ind., of their intention to attend. Trains leave Indianapolis at 7 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. for Whitestown, on the Chicago division of the Big Four Railroad. WM. J. FINCK, Secretary.

— The Walther League held its sixth convention in St. Paul's Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., on July 17-20. Mr. H. F. Landeck of Milwaukee was elected president.

SOUTH CAROLINA

— The Central Luther League of Newberry County held its third quarterly meeting of 1898 in Grace Church, Prosperity, S. C., July 21. Rev. H. P. Counts conducted the devotional exercises. In the absence of the president, S. J. Derrick, the vice-president, A. E. P. Bedenbaugh, presided.

Sixteen delegates and five *ex-officio* members were present. Miss Gussie Kibler, Reverend Bowles, Dr. Fox, Geo. B. Cromer and Dr. Hallman discussed fully the subject relating to the admission of children into the League.

The following resolution was offered by Dr. Fox:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Central League that all members of the Church are eligible to membership in the Luther League.

"How Can the Co-operation of Our Young People Be Secured in the Work of the Church?" by Miss Gertrude Bobb, Dr. Fox, Geo. B. Cromer, Dr. Hallman, Revs. Bowles, H. P. Counts and F. A. Dominick. It was proposed that the social and literary features be greatly encouraged in the League and not so much the devotional, in order to secure this needed co-operation of the young people.

A very interesting subject, "For What Objects Should the Local Leagues Expend Their Funds?" was ably discussed, and this resolution was offered by Dr. J. B. Fox and adopted:

Resolved, That the Central Luther League proposes the adoption of a scholarship in Newberry College and refers it to the local Leagues for action.

Miss Sula Taylor read an interesting essay on the subject "Consecration, the Prime Object in League Works." After hearing reports from local Leagues, the Central League was cordially invited to hold its next meeting at Newberry.

A vote of thanks was tendered the members of Grace Church for their most excellent entertainment of the League. Adjourned to meet in October, 1898.

CONNECTICUT

— The Luther League of Central Connecticut held its regular quarterly convention on July 12 in the Swedish Tabor Church of Bran-

Luther League Supplies.

Luther League Topics.

These are the most complete yet issued for use at young people's devotional meetings. Contain scriptural references, illustrations, and suggestions, both biblical and historical. Lessons refer to the Gospel for each Sunday.

Issued Quarterly, Dec., Mar., June and Sept.

1 copy,	1	year,	cash	in	advance	10 cents
25 copies,	1	"	"		"	$1.50
50 "	1	"	"		"	3.00
75 "	1	"	"		"	4.50
100 "	1	"	"		"	5.00

Luther League Reading Course.

Adopted by the Luther League of America at the Chicago Convention.

First Course.

1. Lutheran Manual, Remensnyder. 2. Schoenberg Cotta Family, Mrs. Rundel Charles. 4. Way of Salvation, Gerberding. 5. Praying and Working, Stevenson. 6. Why We Are Lutherans, Voigt.

The entire set for $3.50, expressage prepaid.

Second Course.

1. Life of Luther, Wackernagel. 2. Lutherans in all Lands, Lenker. 3. Pictures from Life, Selected. 4. Life of Melanchthon, Stump. 5. Ecclesia Lutherana, Seiss. 6. Lutherans in America, Wolf. $6.50

Luther League Hymnal.

Containing 250 Hymns; Opening and Closing Services, Psalms and Collects.

Bound in Cloth, with music, - - 60 cents.
Bound in Cloth, words only, - - 15 cents.

Luther League Rally Hymn.

In English or German.

With Music, - - - 60 Cents per Hundred.

In great demand for Conventions, Quarterly meetings of Locals or District Leagues and other gatherings. They are cheap if you use them but once.

Luther League Badge.

Every Leaguer should wear a badge. This is the official badge adopted by the Luther League of America. Designed from Luther's Coat of Arms.

PRICES.

Pin or Button, Solid Gold	$1.00
" " Rolled Plate	.50
" " Silver	.40
" " Gilt	.25
Solid Gold, with Hanger	1.50
Rolled Plate " "	1.00
Silver " "	.90
Gilt " "	.75
Watch Charms, Solid Gold	5.00
" " Rolled Gold	2.50

Any of the above make suitable birthday gifts. Discounts to Leagues when ordered in quantities.

Cash must invariably accompany all orders and should be addressed to the

LUTHER LEAGUE REVIEW,
P. O. Box 333,
Washington, D. C.

ford, Conn., Rev. K. Broberg, pastor. The societies belonging to the League were all well represented. Preceding the business meeting an excellent musical and literary programme was rendered, in which the following members of the League took part: Miss A. Larson, Messrs. Sperzel, Schmermond, Damberg and Ericson. Brief addresses were delivered by Revs. J. A. Timm and A. J. Enstam of New Haven. The delegates' meeting which followed was occupied chiefly by routine business. An Executive Committee and a Committee on Extension and Credentials were appointed by the president. Messrs. Gutbrod, Ronstedt and Ericson were elected as delegates to the national convention, to be held in New York City in October. With regard to the next meeting, an invitation extended by the delegates of the Young People's Society of the German Lutheran Trinity Church of New Haven to hold a public Luther Day celebration in their church on November 10 was enthusiastically accepted.

— The annual picnic of the Young People's Societies of the Hartford district, Swedish New York Conference, was held at Centre Springs, South Manchester, Conn., on August 18. Several addresses were delivered, the principal speakers being Rev. S. G. Ohman in Swedish and Rev. A. J. Enstam in English.

ILLINOIS

— The Executive Committee of the Luther League of Illinois has decided to issue a series of tracts during the year designed to interest, influence and help young people's societies. Copies of the same can be secured as rapidly as they are issued by sending stamped addressed envelope to the State secretary, K. T. Anderson, Rock Island, Ill. The State convention of 1899 will be held at Rock Island, dates as yet undecided.

— The Endeavor Society of Reverend Troxell's church, at Springfield, have erected a cabinet for tracts in the railroad depot at that place.

MINNESOTA

— The third annual meeting of the Luther League of the Synod of the Northwest was held on June 17 in St. John's Church at Minneapolis.

On motion and after a lively discussion it was

Resolved, That when this League convention adjourn, it adjourn *sine die*, owing to the fact that the District Leagues now being organized can carry on the work more effectively than the Synodical League. Further

Resolved, That the treasury funds of the League convention be turned over to the Synodical treasury.

The following papers were read and discussed: "Junior Work," Rev. F. E. Jensen; "Luther League Literature," Prof. O. W. Oestlund; "The Ideal Luther League," Robert Otto.

At the evening session the following were presented. "The Threefold Sphere of League Life" was treated under three heads:

1. "The Devotional Aspect," by Mrs. H. K. Gebhart.
2. "The Literary Sphere," by Miss Hannah Pfeiffer.
3. "The Social Side," by Mr. H. O. H. Munson.

— The St. Luke's congregation at Goodhue, Minn., Rev. M. E. Boulton, pastor, organized a Luther League on August 25 with 12 charter members.

IN THE WEST

— The Luther League at Grafton, N. D., reports as follows: We organized last January, meet every Friday evening and have now a membership of 53. Last week we extended an invitation to the St. Thomas League to be present with us at our regular meeting. An interesting programe was rendered at the church, consisting of addreses by Rev. J. A. Ofstedahl and A. R. Lavik.

— The Endeavor Society of our church at Lisbon, Iowa, Rev. M. Colver, pastor, paid $30 into the treasury of the church during the past six months.

— An elegant programme was prepared for the annual festival of the Young People's Societies of the McPherson and Salina districts of the Kansas Conference, held on September 1 and 2, at Assaria, Kan.

— The Luther League of Nebraska, organized one year ago in St. Mark's of Lincoln, adjourned to meet this fall in Beatrice. The date of the meeting has not as yet been decided upon by the officers.

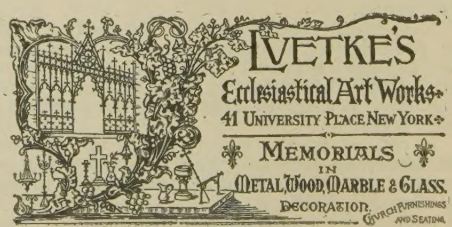
OMAHA EXPOSITION

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for a special eight-day personally conducted tour to the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha on October 1, allowing four full days at the Exposition. Round-trip tickets, including transportation and Pullman berth in each direction, meals in dining car going and returning, hotel accommodations and meals at Omaha, admissions to the Fair, and carriage drive and hotel accommodations at Chicago, will be sold at rate of $100 from New York; $96 from Philadelphia; 95 from Washington and Baltimore; $91 from Williamsport and Harrisburg; $80 from Pittsburg; and proportionate rates from other points.

The party will be accompanied by a Tourist Agent and Chaperon, and will travel in special Pullman sleeping cars.

For the benefit of those who may desire to remain longer in Omaha tickets will be made good to return on regular trains until November 15, inclusive. Such tickets include only railway transportation returning, with reduction of $15 from above rates from all points.

For further information apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York, or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.



[ORIGINAL.]

Luther League Credential.

.....1898.

This is to Certify *That*.....

Address.....

is a delegate to the Third Convention of the Luther League of America, to be held at New York City, October 18-20, 1898, from the

.....

of.....*Lutheran Church.*

Pastor..... *Sec'y*.....

Address..... *Address*.....

Hotel.....

State here if you have any preference as to Hotel.

Mail this to JOHN H. BOSCHEN, Ja., P. O. Box 876, N. Y.

[DUPLICATE.]

Luther League Credential.

.....1898.

This is to Certify *That*.....

Address.....

is a delegate to the Third Convention of the Luther League of America, to be held at New York City, October 18-20, 1898, from the

.....

of.....*Lutheran Church.*

Pastor..... *Sec'y*.....

Address..... *Address*.....

Hotel.....

State here if you have any preference as to Hotel.

Mail this to JOHN H. BOSCHEN, JR., P. O. Box 876, N. Y.

[COPY.]

Luther League Credential.

.....1898.

This is to Certify *That*.....

Address.....

is a delegate to the Third Convention of the Luther League of America, to be held at New York City, October 18-20, 1898, from the

.....

of.....*Lutheran Church.*

Pastor..... *Sec'y*.....

Address..... *Address*.....

Hotel.....

State here if you have any preference as to Hotel.

Retain this.

Additional credential blanks can be had by addressing JOHN H. BOSCHEN, JR., P. O. Box 876, N Y

Luther League Topics

17th Week after Trinity. October 2, 1898.

(EPISTLE: ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM.)

Unity of the Church.—(John 17: 9-23.)

The Great High Priest, before drinking Gethsemane's cup, prays for believers of all ages and races that they may live in union with Himself and unity with each other. Ver. 20, 21; Rom. 12: 5; Eph. 5:30.

"Such unity is a real oneness of life, resulting from the fact that all true belivers have their share in God's life." 1 Cor. 12:13.

The responsibility of Protestant division rests with those who broke away from the Church of the Reformation. That original division of the Evangelical forces, caused by an attack of rationalism against the Word, has borne fruit in a multitude of sects and schisms on the Reformed side. Luther, at Marburg, stood firm for his Lord and the Word; so now our Church stands ready to receive all who will accept God's Word in its plain meaning.

Enduring organic union can exist only where there is unity of faith. The popular opinion that the denominations are equally good, that it makes no difference what one believes, that the existence of many sects is normal and right, is a fallacy. Division is sin.

Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, present to the world an example of true Christian unity and union, the whole population having accepted the Augs. Conf. three centuries ago. Yet some American sects attempt to break up that unity by sending missionaries to those lands! "From such withdraw thyself."—St. Paul.

"As long as this diversification (of doctrine) stands, all outward union is vain, and only an occasion to strife and separation. Until it shall please the Lord to bring us into full communion of spirit and harmonious thought, we will travel the way He has given us."—Luthardt.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 215, 218, 209, 204, 225.

19th Week after Trinity. October 16, 1898.

(EPISTLE: BE RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND.)

Baptismal Regeneration (What is Understood).

(John 3: 1-12)

Nicodemus asked a fuller statement of the doctrine of the new birth (ver. 4); Jesus' answer (ver. 5) reveals the divine Agent, the Spirit; the divine means, Baptism.

I. What Is Not Understood.—Romanism teaches: Baptism is necessarily connected with, or attended by, an internal spiritual change from the mere outward performance of the act, that the "sacraments operate apart from the spiritual state of the recipient."—Krauth. Mark 16:16 is decisive against such an idea. Only "he that believeth . . . shall be saved." Hence we utterly repudiate the Romish doctrine, for we are justified by faith alone.

II. What Is Understood.—God works through His means of grace. (Rom. 10:13-17; Augs. Conf., Art. V.) The Word and Baptism are the only ordinary means through which He works regeneration.

Luther: "We are through it born to the new spiritual life."—Koestlin, II. 507

Gerhardt: "By the Word infants cannot be influenced . . . therefore, they are regenerated, cleansed from the contagion of original sin, and made partakers of eternal life, through Baptism."

Schmid: "The immediate design of Baptism is to work saving grace in man.

Ort: "The vital element in Christian Baptism is the Holy Ghost. Surely we cannot receive less in Baptism, nor more, than Christ received. He received the Holy Ghost. But to have the Holy Ghost is to have the necessary agent of regeneration, 'who worketh,' etc. A. C., Art. V."

Jacobs: "If God imparts regeneration without means, as we believe He does in infants dying unbaptized, what should prevent Him from accomplishing the same ordinarily through Baptism, His appointed means for that purpose?"

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 145, 173, 153, 172, 204.

18th Week after Trinity. October 9, 1898.

(EPISTLE: CHRIST'S TESTIMONY CONFIRMED IN YOU.)

Confirmation.—(2 Tim. 1: 5-14.)

St. Paul is grateful for Timothy's precious inheritance of faith (ver. 5); exhorts him to earnestness, boldness and fidelity in the use of gifts conferred through the "laying on of my hands" (ver. 6-8); commands him to hold fast and guard "that good thing," the pure doctrine, which he had taught him. Ver. 13-14.

I. History.—The Laying on of Hands existed in Israel (Gen. 48:14; Num. 27:23), and among the apostles, in various ceremonies. Acts 8:15-17; 1 Tim. 4:14. The Jewish ceremonial by which the child became a "son of the law" may have been the original suggestion of confirmation.

II. Nature.—Not a sacrament. There is no "Thus saith the Lord" for it. There is no promise of bestowal of Divine grace in connection with it.

Confirmation is a solemn rite in which the individual, "amidst the laying on of hands and prayers of the people," confirms and ratifies the vows made in his behalf at baptism, and is strengthened and established in the faith by the Holy Spirit through the Word and Sacraments.

III. Preparation.—The Church property insists on catechisation; that "those baptized in infancy, when they come to years of discretion, should be diligently instructed by a clear and simple setting forth of the doctrines of the Church."—Chemnitz. So Lutheran pastors to-day, knowing the danger of loose, liberal views to the Christian life, are careful to teach thoroughly the great truths of the way of salvation.

Bible References: Eccl. 5:4; Ps. 66:13; 119:46; Matt. 10:32; Mark 8:38; Luke 12:8; Rom. 10:9, 10; 12:1, 2; Gal. 3:15; 1 Tim. 6:12; Heb. 6:1, 2; 1 Pet. 3:15; Rev. 2:10.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hmynal) 66, 183, 178, 180, 184.

20th Week after Trinity. October 23, 1898.

(EPISTLE: SINGING AND MAKING MELODY TO THE LORD.)

Public Worship of the Church.—(Psalm 103: 1-12.)

David gives us a grand hymn of honor to the Giver of all mercies, calling upon his soul to render grateful praise for God's justifying, redeeming and renewing grace.

I. Essential Characteristics.—Essence of Christian worship is determined by essence of Christianity. Worship involves communion with the Lord, and religious fellowship, so that the living stones are built up into the everlasting temple. It offers rest, a Lord's day; a blessed hearing (Eccl. 5:1; Jas. 1:19), and grace through Word and Sacrament.

Worship is profound instruction. A sermon we may read at home, but to lose the public worship is an irreparable loss. Acts 2:42; 3:1; Heb. 10:25.

II. Relation to Art.—True poetry and its twin sister, music, should exclude rhyming nonsense and religious gush, and select true hymns of praise bearing heavenly truth. Ps. 52:9; 148:11-13. True church architecture rears the House of God, shapes walls, windows and towers; furnishes chancel and auditorium—all in harmonious adaptation to their sacred use. Art adorns altar and pulpit with appropriate hangings, and fills windows with historical, churchly and Biblical scenes and symbols. The whole structure, inside and out, breathes a devotional spirit, from coner-stone to cross-tipped spire, from entrance to altar.

III. True worship harmonizes and grows out of the confession or system of doctrine—*e.g.*, "Our worship is Christian, not Jewish or Pagan; Lutheran, not Calvinistic."—Krauth.

IV. The frame of mind for true worship is Devoutness. We must pray, sing (Eph. 5:19), hear and give devoutly. Hence anything in public worship which interferes with devotion must be excluded. Ps. 100:4; 118:19; Acts 10:2; 17:4.

Suggested Hymns (Luther League Hymnal) 148, 68, 50, 59, 205.